IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

In re application of:

Sanjay Aiyagari, et al. Confirmation No.: 9591

Serial No.: 10/698,498 Group Art Unit No.: 2161

Filed: October 30, 2003 Examiner: Paul Kim

For: ROLE-BASED ACCESS CONTROL ENFORCED BY FILESYSTEM OF AN

OPERATING SYSTEM

Via EFS-Web Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed January 2, 2008, the shortened statutory period for which runs until April 2, 2008, please reconsider the subject application in light of the amendments and remarks herein. The fee for a one-month extension of time accompanies this Response, allowing the Applicants until May 2, 2008 to respond.

- · Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.
- Remarks begin on page 21.